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Letter To Editor

Mon., Sept. 20,1971

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

I am writing to tell you I know who the picture of the couple who was in your paper last week.

The picture is of Mr. and Mrs. Major Flood. My father lived on his farm near Vera many years ago. He would give me candy on Christmas morning. I was six or seven years old then. I am 71 now.

Tom Moses was my father's brother. I guess you knew him.

I enjoy reading your paper.

Lula Moses,
Appomattox, Va.

Press Secretary Award Presented To Mrs. Annie R. Fore

Mrs. Fore has been in ill health for many years and not able to attend church this year, but has kept her writing up. On Sabbath, Sept. 10, Elder John N. McGrow conducted a Sabbath Rally in the Appomattox Church. This past week she received a letter from him, and she will let him tell his own story in his own words, written Sept. 15, 1971.

Dear Sister Fore,

I want to thank you on being one of our Press Secretaries. I had been wanting to see you and get acquainted with you on my visit down to Appomattox this past Sabbath. However, with our Sabbath School in Lynchburg at 2:30, it looked as if it would be too close for to come out and see you. I presented the award to Elder McDaniel to present to you. I know that the members of the Appomattox Church are proud of you and your accomplishments that — God has blessed you there in the Appomattox area.

I hope that you will feel that this is presented with just as much thought and thoughtfulness as if I had presented it to you personally. I hope that you will prize this and that it will bring joy to you. We do appreciate the good work you have done as Public Relations Secretary of the Appomattox Church through the years. May the Lord bless you in good health, and may you continue your good work for Him in the press work is my prayer.

Very sincerely yours,
John W. McGraw,
Public Relations Secretary
Potomac Conference

Dinner Winners!

Lee Conner, co-capt. (left) and Bobby Layne, quarterback for the Raiders (right) are the DINNER WINNERS at Maude's Lee has been named "Lineman of the Week" for "outstanding defensive work" during the Brookville-appo game of Sept. 10 and Bobby Layne, as quarterback, continues to show improvement, says head coach Jerry Robinson. The score doesn't always reflect the hard work in a game, and these two good Raiders are among the many who came back from the Brookville game determined to make the next score better . . . and it was . . . a resounding 34 to 6 against Randolph Henry. This Friday the Raiders meet Gretna here at Bragg Stadium, 8 p.m. Good luck!

Dr. Guerry, 111 Named Sight Saving Chairman

Dr. DuPont Guerry, III, a Richmond ophthalmologist and chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology of the Medical College of Virginia, has been named chairman of the 1971 September "Sight Saving Month" campaign for the Virginia Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

The campaign is an annual fund raising and educational emphasis of the Society.

The Society, which relies solely on voluntary contributions, works to preserve sight through a statewide program of glaucoma and preschool screenings, research and through public education on the causes and prevention of blindness. Studies indicate that one-half of all blindness is preventable.

Goal for the Society for 1971 is $125,000.

Dr. Guerry, first chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee is a founder and former board member of the Virginia Society, an affiliate of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Society and has served on its Basic and Clinical Research Committee.

He is a winner of the John Horsley Memorial Prize, and a director of the American College of Surgeons.

Young People In Play Set For WSCS Conference

Seven Appomattox young people are rehearsing a play to be given during the Lynchburg District Woman's Society of Christian Service fall mission conference on Thurs., Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, Lynchburg.

Appearing in the play will be Virginia Beaty, Melanie Foiks, Brenda Eastman, Debra Hawkins, E. W. Paulette, David Jones and Sammy Waddill. Director is Mrs. Robert Gaskill of Appomattox.

The mission conference will include classes on the three studies for the fall and winter programs. Bring a sandwich. Beverages will be furnished.

At the start of the century, few cancer patients could be cured. Today, there are 1.5-million living Americans cured of cancer. What will happen tomorrow? The American Cancer Society needs your support now.

Pastor Speaks

NOTE: This following article is reprinted by permission of the Editor from the pages of Eternity Magazine. It is here presented as one editor's opinion as to how a church can reach its young people in these rapidly spiritual times.

YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP

Granted that there are superficialities and at least potential danger points to the Jesus movement, it still remains that the wind of the Holy Spirit is blowing in some unlikely places today. And just because we cannot harness the wind does not mean that it is illegitimate. Too often, what the church cannot contain, it condemns.

Yet the Jesus movement desperately needs the organized church. Jesus fed multitudes of 5,000 and 4,000, but their attachment to Christ was only superficial. In the first few chapters of Acts, however, when 3,000 and 5,000 believed were added to the church, stability and nurture were available for the benefit of the new converts.

But how should the church get into the act? How can it provide stability and nurture? Certainly not by taking it over, nor by putting it into a straitjacket.

Here are a few suggestions that may be helpful to your church. (For some of these we are indebted to Editor Walker Knight of Home Missions.)

1. Be flexible enough in your worship services to allow joy and celebration to be expressed in new forms. Is applause always inappropriate? Must emotion be out of bounds? Must worship be staid, formal and always somber?

2. Open church facilities for informal youth gatherings on weeknights, and keep adults in the background. Encourage youth to plan creatively, reaching outward not inward. Don't turn them off with admonitions about what the elders might think.

3. Provide substance through Bible study that is informal, positive, and sounds the notes of joy and celebration. If possible, let the youth lead it, but don't let a clique of church young people put a damper on open expression.

4. Find and encourage new ways in which to communicate the gospel message. Make use of music, posters, underground newspapers, outdoor rap sessions, etc.

5. When correction or instruction is necessary, be sure it is not culture or tradition you are defending. Worse things could happen than having long hair and informal clothing invade your sanctuary.

6. Allow the Holy Spirit freedom to lead. Don't attempt to institutionalize. We think in terms of programs; youth thinks in terms of happenings. Don't be afraid of a flop. Young people can learn more from failure than from success.

7. Challenge adults to be open, ready to accept differing viewpoints on non-essentials, and to consider young people not as hippies or long-haired radicals but as individuals.

8. Make your church more participatory. Young people are tired of being spectators; they want in on the action. As the number of participants increases, the quality of performance may decrease. But who says we have to compete with Ed Sullivan? Young people have given up on trying to have fellowship with a boop tube.

Today's organized church has a tremendous responsibility to learn how to move with the Spirit of God. If it fails the wind of the Holy Spirit may bypass it altogether.

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Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
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Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Lesson for September 26, 1971

Background Scripture: Psalms 73; Ephesians 1
Devotional Reading: Philippians 3:4b-16

As soon as an infant is born into this world he becomes part of an unquestioned routine. Even as he grows and matures and begins to take some responsibility for himself he does most of what he does without reasoning why. We settle down into patterns of life, routines, habitual practices and become too busy to spend much time in questioning what or why.

There comes a day, however, when at last it occurs to us to step back, look at the lives we lead, and ask: "What's it all about?" Suddenly the things we have done all our lives seem incomprehensible. It is as if we have been sleep-walking and suddenly have been awakened. The world, once so familiar, so understandable, seems strange and incomprehensible. Where are we, we wonder? Where have we been and where are we going?

The Meaning Of Life

Life and existence have always puzzled men. Does it really have a purpose? Does it make some kind of sense? Is this real or is life just a cruel illusion? What are we doing here and what are we expected to accomplish? Can we really get anywhere with all this struggle or is it as futile as it seems? Am I justified in trying to see some meaning and purpose in it or am I simply wasting my time?

Aren't these questions that all of us ask at some time? They are as old as man himself. Just as man has been eternally seeking to discover all he can about God, so he has also been searching to discover all he can about life and its purpose. Some men have despaired and given up the struggle to live a meaningful life. Others have concluded that they must squeeze out of it all that they can, as long as they can.

Then I Perceived . . .

Others, however, have found their answers as they have turned to God. The Psalmist confesses: "But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end." (Psalms 73: 16, 17). Like others, he despaired of finding any meaning in life until he turned to God and at last received from him the understanding he needed.

Apart from God we cannot find either meaning or purpose for life. If there is no God, then life is futile and without any meaning.

Because we believe that he knows what it's all about, we can face life with confident faith.

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BIRTHDAYS

Allen Franklin ..... Oct. 1
Ruby Almond ..... Oct. 3
Betty Taylor Seay ... Oct. 3
Robert Roach. ..... Oct. 12
Lloyd Richardson .... Oct. 12
Catherine Wingfield ... Oct. 12
Ewing Joyner ..... Oct. 12
Harry Ranson ..... Oct. 17
Susan Hamlin ..... Oct. 18
Melinda McIntosh .... Oct. 7
Evelyn Crain ..... Oct. 22
Hallie Baldwin ..... Oct. 23
Edward Ranson ..... Oct. 27
Michael Ranson ..... Oct. 28
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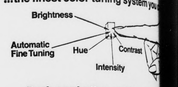

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BECKHAM

SEPT. 21 - Mrs. Hermon Moore was Saturday dinner guest of Mrs. H. C. Moore.

Mr. Abner Martin and Phil, of Richmond, visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard. Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin for the week end.

Mrs. Mary Burge was Sunday supper guest of Mrs. E. C. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drumheller, Timmy and Dana, of Detroit, Michigan, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin this week.

There was a large attendance for Rally Day at Trinity United Methodist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Drinkard, Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. Abner Martin, Phillip Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin joined other members of the Martin family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin of Appomattox honoring Tom and on his birthday Saturday night.

Irene Story visited Ida Moore Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. H. C. Moore.

Cathy Paulette spent Monday night with Carolyn Jo Morris.

Mrs. Willie Wheeler

Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Willie A. Wheeler, mother of the Jordan Baptist Church celebrated her 80th birthday last Wednesday, September 15th. This event was celebrated by a special surprise program at the church. Appearing on this program was the Scruggs family, the Jordan Junior Chorus, and the Jordianaires, remarks by Rev. C. L. Elliott and Rev. Hugo Austin.

Mrs. Wheeler has belonged to the Ladies Club 20 years and is the oldest member of the club.

After the service birthday cake and punch was served by Mrs. Catherine Fowler, Mrs. Dorothy Turner and Mrs. Hilda Jones. This program was sponsored by Mrs. Revella Austin, Mrs. Viola Austin and Mrs. Edna Lamberth.

OCTOBER IS RESCUE SQUAD MONTH

FASHION WINNER

Edith Scruggs, Route 4, Appomattox was lucky winner of $15 worth of Free Fashion from Beeline. The drawing was held at the Farmville Fair by Barbara and Nella Moore of Concord and Sarah Summers of Gladstone, representing Beeline Fashions.

Canaan Baptist

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

Rev. H. E. Spears of Afton, Va. will be guest speaker at Canaan Baptist Church, First Sunday night in October, at 7:30 p.m.

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...R. Newlin is still ...at his home.

...Charles H. Cana... ...Mrs. J. W. ...attended the ...of the Triump... ...Intermediate School ...Banks).

Kathy Mae Goin

Graduates From Stuart Circle

Kathy Mae Goin was among the fifteen student nurses graduating from Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond on Monday, September 13. Kathy continues her work at Stuart Circle at present. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John. H. Goin of Route 2.

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